

REMARKS

The original application was filed in Japanese and applicants submit herewith a substitute specification including claims, abstract and drawings, to support the verified translation and to properly place the application in U.S. format.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 8 being independent. Claims 1, 3 and 8 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is introduced. Applicants ask that the application be examined in view of the amendments made herein.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1140 for the filing fee (\$770), the surcharge fees (\$260) and the petition for extension of time fee (\$110). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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